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A Courier from Field-Marshal Lacy has brought the following Account, which has been printed and published here.

From the Camp of the Army cammanded by Field-Marshal Lacy, in the Desarts of the Crimea, near the Dnieper, the 24th of August, O. S. On the 19th Instant early in the Morning Brigadier Krasnaschtschokay was detach'd towards Perecop with the irregular Troops, particularly with the Cossacks of the Don, of Slobod, of Malores, and of Saporog. Lieutenant-General Spiegel and Quarter-Master-General Brigni followed soon after, with 12 Field-pieces, all the Dragoon Grenadiers, 600 other Dragoons, the Grenadiers of eight Regiments of Foot, five Regiments of Militia, and 1600 Men drawn out of several Regiments. Their Orders were to attack the Enemy wherever they appear'd, to enter the Crimea, and to detach those of the irregular Troops who were best mounted, along the Coast of the Black Sea and towards the Salt Lake, as far as the Stone Bridge, to seek the Enemy and ruin their Habitations. Half an Hour after, I followed with Major-General Jeropkin and 600 Dragoons, leaving the rest of the Army in the Camp under the Command of Major-General Arractschejew, with Order to keep in a Readiness to march. Our Troops having entred Perecop and the so called Golden Fortress, without meeting any Turks or Tartars, had before my Arrival detached several Parties towards the Black Sea and the Salt Lake, and in a little Time we saw on all Sides the Smoak of Houses which they had set on Fire. Such Parts of the Lines of Perecop as we had levelled last Year, were found raised anew, and the Ditches cleans'd, but the Fortress, and the Gate of Perecop, which we had entirely demolished, were still in the same Condition, only the Stones were gathered up and laid in many Heaps. It was visible there had been a Garrison in the Fortress, for we found there Casserns lately built, and the old ones repair'd, as were also a Mosque, the Arsenal, and the Magazine. The Shops and Houses in the Suburbs were in Part repaired; and we judged by the Track of Horses that the Enemy had retired three or four Days before our Arrival, and it must have been with Precipitation, for we found here and there in the Houses, Kettles, Provisions, and other Things which they had not Time to carry off. I believe they had Intelligence of our March by that Time we got to Kalanczak. In the Fortress before the Arsenal we found 3000 Bombs, and 10000 Bullets of several Sizes, several thousand Granadoes, Carriages and Wheels, but no Cannon.

The Parties which had advanced into the Country, returned in the Evening. The Cossack Colonel Iwan Beloi, who commanded one of them, reported that he had travers'd the Country between the Black Sea, the Salt Lake, and the Stone-Bridge, that on the Coast he found several Villages which the Tartars had in their Manner rebuilt; but that he did not any where meet with Inhabitants, Cattle, or Provisions; that there was no Grass or other Forage on the Ground, all having been burnt by the Enemy; and that almost all the Wells every where were dry: Another Leader of the Cossacks, named Jesaul Alexei Mylnikow, who had ranged on the Right of the Salt Lake, made the like Report in all Respects. So that considering it would be imprudent to march on with regular Troops into a Country that was quite laid Waste, and where was no Kind of Food for the Horses, I took a Resolution to march back the same Night to the Camp at Czekrak, after having caused all that the Enemy had rebuilt in Perecop and in the Fortress